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FROM:	Adam Rosman	PH: 62702	ROOM: GrF1/WW
SUBJECT:	(1) Rosman cover note; (2) Sharm el-Sheikh letters; (3) H.R. 4986 signing statement; and (4) VP statement		PAGES: 13

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SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS:

November 15, 2000

Lisel,

Per your voice-mail this a.m., and confirmed by Mara, I okayed these to be AP'ed tonight and enclose a copy FYI. Letters went to George Mitchell, Warren Rudman, Suleyman Demirel, Thorbjørn Jagland, and Javier Solana.

Also enclosed:

Signing statement for H.R. 4986 (FSC Repeal)

Gore Statement

Adam

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 15, 2000

'00 NOV 15 PM 12:11

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Letters to Sharm el-Sheikh Committee Members

Purpose

Provide your thoughts on the work of the Sharm el-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee.

Background

Now that the Sharm el-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee has been named, a letter from you providing your thoughts on the Committee's work has been prepared. We hope to schedule a meeting for you and the Committee members after your trip to the Pacific.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Approved by S.R.B. (per email from Bruni.)

Attachment

Tab A Letters to Sharm el-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee Members

ASB 11/15

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear George:

I want to thank you for agreeing to serve as the chairman of the fact-finding committee agreed to by Prime Minister Barak and Chairman Arafat at the Sharm el-Sheikh summit of October 16-17, 2000. The two leaders requested that I develop with them, as well as in consultation with the United Nations Secretary-General, a committee of fact-finding on the events of the past several weeks and how to prevent their recurrence. Accordingly, I would like to provide you with my thoughts about the Committee's work.

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Committee to examine any additional suggestions before finalizing its report.

The Committee should seek to operate by consensus to the maximum extent possible. This will lend greater authority to its findings and recommendations.

Let me thank you once again for joining in this important undertaking.

Sincerely,

The Honorable George Mitchell
Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard,
McPherson & Hand
901 15th Street, N.W.
Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20005

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Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
1615 L Street, N.W.
Suite 1300
Washington, D.C. 20036

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Ankara

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Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway
Oslo

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His Excellency
Javier Solana
European Union High Representative for Common
Foreign and Security Policy
175 Rue de la Loi
1048 Brussels
Belgium

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ON THE YEAR 2000 ELECTION
Wednesday, November 15, 2000**

This has been an extraordinary eight days for the American people. And I wanted to speak with you about how I believe we should conclude this election.

The campaign is over, but a test of our democracy is now underway. It is a test we must pass – and it is a test we will pass, with flying colors.

All we need is a common agreement that what is at stake here is not who wins and who loses in a contest for the Presidency, but how we honor our Constitution and make sure that our democracy works as our founders intended it to work.

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This is a time to honor the true will of the people.

Our goal must be what is right for America.

There is a simple reason that Florida law, and the law in many other states, calls for a careful check by real people of the machine results in elections like this one: machines can sometimes misread or fail to detect the way ballots are cast.

When there are serious doubts, checking the machine count with a careful hand count is accepted as the best way to know the true intentions of the voters. That is why there have already been partial or complete hand counts not just in two Democratic counties in Florida, but in six Republican counties as well.

We need a resolution that is fair and final. We need to move expeditiously to the most complete and accurate count that is possible. And that is why I propose this evening a way to settle this matter with finality and justice -- in a period of days, not weeks.

First, we should complete hand counts already begun in Palm Beach County, Dade County, and Broward County, to determine the true intentions of the voters, based on an objective evaluation of their ballots. Observers and participants from both parties should be present in every counting room, as required under Florida law. The results of this recount would of course be added to the present certified vote total and the overseas absentee vote total.

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Thank you -- God bless you -- and God bless America.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 11-15-00 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP

Subject: Signing statement HR 4986 - FSC Bill

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JOHNSON, J.	☒	☐		☐	☐
LANE		☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

Comments to Staff Secy.

RESPONSE:

Office of the Staff Secretary

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Today I am pleased to sign into law H.R. 4986, the "FSC Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000." This legislation is necessary to address a World Trade Organization Appellate Body finding that the Foreign Sales Corporation (FSC) provisions of U.S. tax law violated the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and the Agreement on Agriculture. Enactment of this legislation is possible due to extraordinary bipartisan cooperation between the Congress and my Administration and the strong involvement of the business community.

Never before has the United States had to enact legislation -- and particularly legislation in the sensitive field of taxation policy -- in order to implement the findings of a dispute settlement panel of the World Trade Organization (WTO). We believe that this legislation specifically addresses the concerns raised by the WTO Appellate Body and will be found to be WTO-compliant.

Under a procedural agreement reached between the European Union and the United States, enactment of this legislation will avoid an immediate confrontation with the EU by ensuring that the World Trade Organization must review the new law before any decision authorizing retaliation may be made. We plan to continue working with the EU to manage this difference of views responsibly and to avoid any harm to our strong bilateral relationship, and we remain open to further discussions with the EU about resolving this issue.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 16, 2000

MR. PRESIDENT:

We are in the process of preparing a response to the attached resignation letter from Barry McCaffrey, effective January 6. I understand Barry will be making this announcement public later today; and that the Press Office is drafting a statement on your behalf.

Lisel Loy



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
Washington, D.C. 20503

Rosen

October 13, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

The purpose of this letter is to request your permission to leave government in January 2001, after forty years of service. I intend to conclude my responsibilities as the Director of National Drug Policy in order to accept a position at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York as the Olin Johnson Professor of National Security. If acceptable to you, my last day at ONDCP will be January 6th. This will allow me to begin teaching as a new semester begins.

It has been an enormous honor to serve as a member of your Administration and Cabinet over the past five years. Your commitment to reducing drug abuse and its consequences in our great nation has been constant, as has your leadership and personal support. I also appreciate Vice President Gore's steadfast support of the coherent set of goals and programs that constitute the *National Drug Control Strategy*.

In my judgement, we have taken important strides in addressing a problem that costs our society fifty-two thousand deaths and more than 110 billion dollars in costs every year.

- **We have made prevention of drug use goal one of our anti-drug strategy.** Accordingly, we have increased federal investment in prevention by 53 percent – to more than \$2 billion a year – since FY 1996. We are very encouraged that adolescent drug-use rates decreased by 21 percent over the past two years. The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, which you championed and launched, will continue to drive down drug use by America's 68 million children.
- **We have taken important steps to reduce the treatment gap.** Federal spending on treatment increased by 35 percent since FY 1996 to more than \$3 billion a year. You sent an important signal to the nation that addiction is a disease that should be treated like other chronic illnesses by signing an executive order directing coverage for substance-abuse treatment for more than nine million federal employees and their families.
- **Your support of sound law enforcement caused drug-related crime to plummet.** Drug-related murders are at the lowest point in over a decade, dropping by more than 50 percent since 1989. Property crime rates – a proxy measure of drug-related crime – are also at their lowest points in more than a decade. The treatment capacity of federal corrections facilities has increased ten-fold. The number of drug courts – which offer nonviolent, addicted offenders the choice of coerced, supervised treatment in lieu of jail – expanded from just

twelve in 1994 to some seven hundred today. Public-health and public-safety officials across the country now recognize that the problem of drug addiction requires a collaborative approach from both domains. Communities are safer today as a result of these actions.

- **International cooperation has expanded.** Your steadfast advocacy of cooperative approaches to the transnational drug problem helped change the tenor of international discussions. We've moved beyond finger pointing between "consumer" nations and "supplier" nations. Now we have a solid binational strategy with Mexico and an OAS-wide evaluation mechanism. Your commitment to supporting the Government of Colombia's efforts to protect democracy, build a just peace, and confront skyrocketing drug production will help stem the drug crisis in the Andean ridge region.

The leadership of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Attorney General Janet Reno, Education Secretary Dick Riley, DEA administrators Tom Constantine and Donnie Marshall, FBI Director Louis Freeh, and NIDA Director Alan Leshner, among others, has been instrumental in the design and implementation of a *National Drug Control Strategy* that emphasizes prevention and treatment to reduce demand, as well as law enforcement, interdiction, and international cooperation to reduce the supply of drugs. We have also been very fortunate to enjoy strong bipartisan support from the Congress, governors, and mayors.

Mr. President, let me thank you again for your support, leadership, and friendship over the past five years. You should know that my tenure as Director of National Drug Control Policy has been the highlight of my career.

Very respectfully,



Barry R. McCaffrey
Director

Thanks for your personal leadership,
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October 20, 2000

Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.
c/o Paul Cusak

Dear Al:

I was appalled by what I did and you were right to be angry. For whatever it's worth, what I said to Melinda Henneberger is all in the remarks attributed to me. Be assured that none of the unattributed comments came from me. I own up to what I say. My mistake was in saying it. It will not happen again, believe me.

As ever,


Martin Peretz

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SUBJECT: (1) Briefing Memo for Weekly Radio Address;
(2) Final Schedules for Friday, Saturday and PAGES: 9
Sunday, November 24-26, 2000

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TAPED WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS

DATE: November 24, 2000
LOCATION: Camp David
TIME: TBD
FROM: Lisa Ferdinando

I. PURPOSE

You will recognize our national commitment to strengthening our civil society through charitable giving, educating our youth about philanthropy and the inclusive approach to federal partnerships with nonprofits.

II. BACKGROUND

You will release a report by the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) showing that charitable giving reached a record high last year as Americans shared their growing prosperity.

You will also highlight new survey results showing that Americans overwhelmingly support teaching young people about charitable giving and will announce an innovative initiative to engage youth in philanthropic activities.

Finally, you will share findings from the Task Force on Nonprofits and Government showing that the Clinton-Gore Administration has fundamentally changed the way government does business by developing innovative partnerships with nonprofits in every federal agency. This progress builds on the Administration's strong record of building our civil society by encouraging charitable giving, strengthening the capacity of nonprofits, promoting community service, especially among young people, and creating a more inclusive society.

III. PARTICIPANTS

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THE PRESIDENT

Lisa Ferdinando

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White House Television (WHTV)

White House Photographer

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. REMARKS

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I understand you asked Jesse Jackson to forward the attached to you.

Lisel Loy



NEWS RELEASE (DRAFT)

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The Department of Justice must enforce Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act to protect the most vulnerable citizens. The Department of Justice has been too silent, too lenient, and too distant in the face of voting irregularities in Florida,

For whom one votes is a political question. The right to vote, to have that vote counted and protected, is a federally guaranteed right.

The US Civil Rights Commission which has subpoena power, with the support of the Department of Justice, must immediately convene hearings. The range of voter intimidation is clear, and voter denial schemes clearly violate the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

In the heat of the current crisis in Florida over the counting of ballots, it should be acknowledged that, although the Constitution gives the right to states to administer voting procedures, the right of all citizens to vote is a constitutionally guaranteed and protected right that is in the purview of the Federal government. In particular, the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits the use of color as the basis of the denial of the right to vote, a prohibition given to the Federal Government to enforce.

The modern enhancement of the right of blacks to vote was affected by the Civil Rights movement which pitted ordinary American citizens seeking the right to participate in the political system against vicious dogs, fire hoses, and the night sticks of Sheriff "bull" Connor and other officials. The result was the promulgation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, "grants to all citizens of the United States the right to be free from enactment or enforcement of voting...procedures, standards, or practices which deny or abridge the right to vote on account of race or color."



Today we have come full circle. Whereas for more than 100 years since the Fifteenth Amendment was enacted, up to 1965, the right of blacks to vote was abridged and eliminated by the most ruthless tactics, today it is accomplished by more subtle means. Evidence abounds from several sources, that immediately after the vote on November 7, 2000, there was a shower of complaints from African Americans, Haitians, whites, Hispanics, the elderly and others that their ballots were cast wrongly because of the confused construction of the ballot; that police set up procedures to check to see if potential voters were felons and thereby disqualified from voting; that polls were summarily closed with people in line both inside polling stations and outside them, in clear violation of the law; that absentee ballots were sent to people who did not request them, and as a consequence, they were stricken from the voting rolls and not allowed to vote when they appeared at polling stations. In the face of these blatant Section 2 violations of the right of citizens to vote, the Justice Department has not intervened.

On Wednesday November 21, the world witnessed the spectacle of Republican voting officials inside the counting building demonstrating thuggish tactics so threatening that they may have intimidated the Counting Commission into stopping the vote county in Miami Dade county altogether. Still the Justice Department has not intervened.

Therefore, we call upon the Justice Department to exercise its Fifteenth Amendment responsibility, to protect the right of all citizens to vote and to intervene now on the basis of the current violations of the Civil Rights of citizens of the state of Florida to vote in clear violation of the Voting Rights Act.

The Justice Department sent 317 voting observers to various places on November 7 to observe the conduct of elections and report any violations in voting procedures. Florida is one of the covered states under the Voting Rights Act for having had a past where the right of blacks to vote had been denied by various means. We call upon the Justice Department to release any findings from their voting observers now, especially if they have a bearing on the present issue of obtaining a fair opportunity for blacks and others to have their vote recorded fairly in the political process.

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The evidence of the denial of the right to vote, collected by the NAACP was sent to the Justice Department through Attorney General Janet Reno, to Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Bill Lann Lee, and give to the Voting Rights Division. The Division has made no public declaration of the substance of those claims, nor sought to intervene in this process to protect the rights of those disenfranchised to vote in the recounting processes that have been occurring. This silence has occurred, while local officials seek, disproportionately, to especially protect the rights of men and women in the Armed Services who cast absentee ballots, to have them fairly recorded.

The focus of the conflict in Florida has been on obtaining a fair counting for those whose votes are registered in the system. I/we, submit that there is an equally serious and egregious issue with respect to those who were denied the ballot altogether, or who, because of their residence in communities of concentrated minority voters, as the evidence reveals, may have been targeted for voter suppression.

On constitutional, practical and moral grounds, we feel that the Justice Department as a responsibility to exercise its prerogatives immediately, to intervene in the conflict in Florida on behalf of those whose votes also would count if they had been accorded justice.

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'Ballot Security' Effects Calculated; GOP Aide Said Louisiana Effort 'Could Keep the Black Vote Down'

The Washington Post, October 25, 1986

Thomas B. Edsall, Washington Post Staff Writer

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A Republican National Committee (RNC) official had calculated that a so-called ballot security program in Louisiana "could keep the black vote down considerably," according to documents released today in federal court here.

The documents and court hearing were the latest developments in a continuing controversy over the GOP's ballot program, which Democrats maintain is aimed at reducing minority turnout. The Republicans say the program's sole purpose is to purge ineligible voters.

In an Aug. 13 memo the court made public today, Kris Wolfe, the RNC Midwest political director, wrote Lanny Griffith, RNC southern political director, and said of the Louisiana campaigning:

"I know this race is really important to you. I would guess that this program will eliminate at least 60-80,000 folks from the rolls If it's a close race ... which I'm assuming it is, this could keep the black vote down considerably."

She said in the memo that the program had been approved by Gregory Graves, deputy political director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

The document, called Exhibit 13, was unsealed by U.S. District Court Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise when lawyers for the Democratic National Committee (DNC) said it was needed to question Wolfe.

Wolfe testified that she wrote about the possibility of keeping the black vote down to remind Griffith that there "might be a political situation he might want to consider I wanted him to be aware of the political considerations."

The Democrats are suing the Republican Party for \$10 million, charging that RNC ballot security programs violated a 1981 consent agreement signed here by both political parties.

Under the agreement, the RNC would "refrain from undertaking any ballot security activities in polling places or election districts where the racial composition of such districts is a factor."

Debevoise refused today to issue a restraining order requiring the GOP to stop all similar activity.

The judge said he accepted the word of Republican lawyers who told him that all ballot security programs have been stopped, including an effort the Democrats say singled out predominantly black and Hispanic precincts in Pontiac, Mich.

Under pressure from national GOP officials, who were seeking to avoid a confrontation in the courts, organizers of the Michigan program Thursday night abandoned plans to send in paid workers to

challenge certain voters in Pontiac. The Michigan program was financed largely by a \$24,000 grant from the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC).

For the past month, the RNC has been ensnared in controversy over its ballot security program. In testimony today, Mark Braden, the RNC's chief counsel and the organizer of the ballot security program, said he repeatedly sought to make it clear to subordinates that "race was a factor that could not be used. I would instill the fear of God in them I'm not an idiot--this is a big press issue and it's a big legal issue."

The RNC's ballot security program was conducted in Louisiana, Indiana and Missouri. Before it became controversial, GOP political strategists said they planned to use it in other states.

On Oct. 14, Louisiana state District Court Judge Richard E. Lee issued an injunction against the program. In his order, Lee said, "This was an insidious scheme by the Republican Party to remove blacks from the voting rolls."

In most of the GOP programs, voters in districts and precincts in which 80 percent or more cast ballots for Walter F. Mondale in the 1984 presidential election were mailed letters marked "Do not forward. return to sender." In many cases, precincts casting Democratic margins this high are black or Hispanic.

Letters that were returned to a Chicago company hired by the GOP, Ballot Integrity Group Inc., were turned over to election officials in an effort to have the names purged from the lists on the grounds that the voters apparently did not reside at their listed addresses.

In addition, the names of all the voters for whom letters were returned were turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. attorneys' offices. The names also were kept for possible use by Republican poll judges on Nov. 4.

National Republican Party officials have promised the courts that no use of the lists will be made on Election Day.

Wolfe, questioned today by DNC lawyer David R. Boies, testified that she served as a "technical consultant" in the Louisiana ballot security program, and discussed it at length with officials of the Republican Senate campaign of Rep. W. Henson Moore, including Larry Kinlaw, Moore's campaign manager.

Moore and Democratic Rep. John B. Breaux are in one of the tightest races in the country, and party officials for both sides say that turnout will be a key factor.

During his questioning, Boies sought to tie the RNC to the Michigan program by questioning Wolfe about a series of memos that appeared to link her to it. In a memo to RNC officials, Wolfe wrote: "Met with John Maddox (of the NRCC) and agreed to write ballot integrity plans for Indiana 8 and Michigan 6," and "worked on MI6 ballot integrity program." Pontiac is in Michigan's Sixth Congressional District.

Wolfe denied writing the Michigan plan.

In rejecting the Democrats' request for a restraining order, Debevoise said the Democrats had not

adequately proved a link between the RNC and the NRCC, which put up the \$24,000 for the Michigan program.

(In Washington, Democratic Party Chairman Paul G. Kirk Jr. said, "The GOP's attempt to portray this outrageous assault on voting rights as a public service project to eliminate ghost voters is another classic Republican disinformation campaign--an attempt to make people feel good while masking Republican dirty tricks.") [1]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEVE RICCHETTI SR

SUBJECT: Daily Report

White House offices are tracking the following issues today:

NEC

US-EU Trade Disputes. USTR agriculture negotiator Greg Frazier made some tentative progress with EU counterparts this week on bananas and beef. On bananas, work began with the "Caribbean" proposal that we favor rather than the Europeans' most recent "first-come, first-served" proposal. The EU tentatively offered a number equivalent to 75% of our position on the quota for Latin producers and the distribution of import licenses to U.S. firms such as Chiquita and Dole. EU Trade Commissioner Lamy has not yet decided whether to abandon the "first-come, first-served" proposal in favor of the type of solution discussed with USTR this week, which European Commission officials fear may be difficult to sell to EU Member States. On beef, the EU apparently is still considering USTR's suggestion that we negotiate a permanent settlement. The EU previously offered a temporary three-year increase in market access for non-hormone-treated beef as an end to this dispute, but a permanent solution is necessary because of ongoing EU efforts to invalidate the scientific and legal basis for the WTO's adverse decision on its ban on hormone-treated beef imports. The U.S. cattle industry will not invest 18-24 months to raise non-hormone cattle if, at the end of that period, the EU may have taken action that moots the WTO's original ruling and thereby allows the EU to cancel any deal reached now.

DPC

Release of Labor Patient Protection Regulation. On Monday, DOL will release its final regulation governing internal appeals and consumer information disclosure for health plans serving over 130 million working Americans. This regulation, the last executive action your Administration can take to apply patient protections to Americans in private health plans, will establish a fair and unbiased process for reviewing medical benefits claims; require timely coverage and appeals decisions; and direct health plans to provide meaningful information to patients advising them of their rights to the appeals process. This regulation underscores your Administration's leadership in this area in the face of Congressional stagnation, and we will continue to highlight the need for Federal legislation that provides strong, enforceable, patient protections to all Americans during our Tuesday rollout.

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Health Insurers and Families USA Unveil New Health Coverage Agreement. On Monday, Families USA and the Health Insurance Association of America will hold a joint press conference outlining a consensus agreement calling on Congress and the next Administration to expand Medicaid/CHIP coverage and pass a new tax incentive to cover uninsured Americans. This agreement is being sold as a reasonable second choice for both organizations that will extend affordable insurance coverage to millions of Americans. It includes proposals to require Medicaid to cover all individuals with annual incomes below 133 percent of the Federal poverty level (approximately \$18,800 for a family of three); establish a Medicaid or CHIP-type coverage expansion for all adults with incomes between 133 and 200 percent of the poverty level; and provide a non-refundable tax credit for businesses to encourage employer-based coverage for workers. This proposal is largely consistent with your Administration's approach to expanding coverage, although it would require more resources because it extends coverage to adults, not just parents and children. Further, the proposal is arguably far more equitable to lower income workers and more likely to expand coverage to the currently uninsured because it provides the subsidy assistance to the employer and not the employee. Therefore, it will likely undermine the health tax deduction approach advocated by the Republicans in the tax bill.

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

COP-6 Update. Undersecretary of State Frank Loy and Roger Ballentine arrived in The Hague today at the end of the first week of the climate change negotiations, and were greeted by a few negative developments involving the EU. In a reversal of yesterday's reaction, the EU orchestrated a very strong rejection of the U.S. proposal for discounting the amount of eligible sinks in the first budget period. The EU believes that even our offer to discount represents too great a reliance on sinks. Second, German Environment Minister Trittin made a widely-reported comment that the rest of the world would not be able to make a deal with the U.S., and that the COP should be prepared to finalize, ratify and implement the Kyoto Protocol without our participation. In a meeting with Loy and Ballentine, COP President Jan Pronk of the Netherlands suggested that the rest of the EU is not as hard-line as Germany, but he thought that we might need to make bilateral contact with the Germans at the highest possible level next week.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thanksgiving Service Event. In celebration of Thanksgiving, you will participate in the annual holiday service event on Wednesday at a local food bank or soup kitchen. You will announce new efforts to reduce hunger and improve nutrition for America's seniors and working families, including (1) the release of a USDA report on Administration accomplishments in ensuring food security for America; (2) \$2.4 million in Community Food Project Grants to provide nutritious foods to low-income Americans; and (3) a request for applications from states to participate in a \$10 million USDA program allowing seniors to purchase fresh produce at farmers markets.

POL. AFFS.

Washington Senate Race Update. Results from Eastern Washington counties today widened Senator Slade Gorton's (R) lead to 11,000 votes. Democrats are pessimistic that there are enough outstanding votes in Maria Cantwell's (D) stronghold of King County to overcome Senator Gorton's lead in most of the state's 39 counties. The Secretary of State's office estimates that 137,851 ballots are left to be counted statewide, including ballots from three strong pro-Gorton

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counties. King County officials expect to announce the results of 40,000-50,000 ballots at 7 p.m. e.s.t. Friday, out of an estimated 75,000 outstanding ballots. Cantwell has garnered 56.5% of King County ballots since Election Night. Counties are required to complete their tabulations by Tuesday and certify results on Wednesday.

Updates on Close House Races.

CA-36: Kuykendall concedes. On Thursday, Rep. Steve Kuykendall (R) conceded defeat to Jane Harman (D) after it became apparent that outstanding absentee ballots would not be enough to overcome Harman's 3,700 vote advantage.

FL-22: Bloom concedes. Elaine Bloom (D) conceded defeat today in her race against Rep. Clay Shaw (R). Since Election Day, Shaw has led by 596 votes and Bloom's requests for hand recounts in three counties were denied.

NJ-12: Zimmer to request recount. On Thursday, Dick Zimmer (R) announced he will seek a recount after the election is certified next week. According to the DCCC, Rep. Rush Holt (D) now leads by close to 500 votes, a number that will be difficult to overcome in a recount. Zimmer made his announcement a day after he charged Democrats with voting irregularities for allegedly distributing absentee ballots to patients at a psychiatric hospital in hopes of aiding Holt's re-election to the House. Also Thursday, a panel of appellate judges refused Zimmer's request to stop 74 provisional ballots from being included in the final count. Zimmer, who appeared to be winning the race on election night, has called for state and federal investigations of alleged vote irregularities and improprieties since falling behind Holt, and has even floated the idea of asking the Republican-controlled House to decide the race.

Other recounts expected. Additional recounts are expected to be called by Rep. David Minge (D) in MN-04 and by Dianne Byrum (D) in MI-08 after the official results are certified in their states on November 21 and 27, respectively.

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9:15 am BRIEFING SUITE
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Participants
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Note: The following event is Casual Attire.
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9:25 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Daewoo Hotel via
 motorcade en route JTF-FA Excavation Site
 [drive time: 1 hour]

10:25 am THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive JTF-FA Excavation Site

 Greeters: Brigadier General Harry B. Axson
 Lt. Colonel Rennie Cory

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10:30 am-
11:00 am
[10:30 pm-
11:00 pm
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BRIEFING AND TOUR
JTF-FA EXCAVATION SITE
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
Interpretation: None
POOL PRESS

- Brigadier General Harry B. Axson and Lt. Colonel Rennie Cory give an overview of the Joint Task Force Full Accounting mission.
- Following the brief, **the President** and the First Lady proceed down the walkway.
- Captain Mark Thompson briefs **the President** and the First Lady on the specifics of Site 0897.
- **The President** and the First Lady, accompanied by Dan and David Evert, proceed to the wet screen area to view the examination of the mud from the crater.
- **The President**, accompanied by Dan and David Evert, proceeds to the edge of the crater to view the work of the JTF staff and the Vietnamese workers.
- The First Lady, accompanied by Denny Danielson, anthropologist, joins **the President**.
- **The President** and the First Lady, accompanied by Dan and David Evert, proceed to podium.

Tour Participants
THE PRESIDENT
The First Lady
Dan Evert
David Evert

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11:00 am- REMARKS
11:30 am JTF-FA EXCAVATION SITE
(VST) Remarks: Tom Malinowski
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
[11:00 pm- Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
11:30 pm Interpretation: Consecutive
EST] OPEN PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 25 guests in attendance.

- The President makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of the remarks, the President and the First Lady meet the 12 Americans who serve on the Joint Task Force, work a ropeline with Vietnamese workers and depart.

Participants
THE PRESIDENT
The First Lady
Ambassador Pete Peterson
John Podesta
Senator John Kerry
Representative Vic Snyder
Representative Mike Thompson
Representative Earl Blumenauer
Samuel Berger
Acting-Secretary Hershel Gober
Jack Pritchard
Mary Lou Keener
Robert Jones, DOD
George Duggins
James Goldsmith
Robert Wallace
Dan Evert
David Evert

11:35 am THE PRESIDENT departs JTF-FA Excavation Site via motorcade en route
Location TBD
[drive time: tbd minutes]

12:35 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Location TBD

12:35 pm- DOWN TIME / CULTURAL EVENTS
4:15 pm LOCATION TBD

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TBD	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Location TBD via motorcade en route Daewoo Hotel [drive time: tbd minutes]
TBD	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Daewoo Hotel
TBD	pm	DOWN TIME PRESIDENTIAL SUITE Daewoo Hotel
Note: The following events are Business Attire.		
4:15	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Daewoo Hotel via motorcade en route Party Headquarters [drive time: 10 minutes] Note: The President will greet 25 Red Cross disaster relief workers upon departure.

4:25 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Party Headquarters

Greeters: TBD, Chief of Protocol, Department for External Affairs,
Communist Party Central Committee

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4:30 pm- BILATERAL MEETING WITH VIETNAMESE PARTY SECRETARY
5:15 pm LE KHA PHIEU
RECEPTION ROOM
[4:30 am- Party Headquarters
5:15 am Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
11/18/2000 Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
EST] Interpretation: Consecutive
HOST TV/STILLS ONLY

U.S. Participants	Vietnamese Participants
The President Ambassador Pete Peterson John Podesta Samuel Berger Gene Sperling Gene Christy, Notetaker	Party Secretary Le Kha Phieu Nguyen Dzy Nien, Minister of Foreign Affairs Vu Khoan, Minister of Trade Ngueyn Van Son, Head, Central Committee for Foreign Affairs Ngueyn Dinh Bin, Standing Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Le Van Bang, Ambassador to U.S. TBD, Secretary to the General Secretary Nguyen Manh Hung, Director, Americas Department Nguyen Trung, Notetaker Tran Thanh Huan, Notetaker Luong Van Ly, Interpreter

5:15 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Party Headquarters via motorcade en route
Presidential Palace
[drive time: 5 minutes]

5:20 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Presidential Palace

Greeters: President Tran Duc Luong
Nguyen Thi Vinh, Spouse
Dinh Xuan Luu, Chief of Protocol

Note: The First Lady will arrive Presidential Palace at 5:20 P.M.

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5:25 pm-
5:40 pm

DEPARTURE COURTESY CALL
ROOM A
Presidential Palace
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
Interpretation: Whisper
HOST TV/STILLS ONLY

- **The President** and the First Lady pose for a photo with President Tran Duc Luong and Nguyen Thi Vinh.
- **The President** and the First Lady sit briefly with President Tran Duc Luong and Nguyen Thi Vinh.
- **The President** and the First Lady depart.
LIVE HOST TV

U.S. Participants	Vietnamese Participants
The President The First Lady CVC (T)	President Tran Duc Luong Nguyen Thi Vinh, Spouse

5:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Presidential Palace via motorcade en route International Convention Center
[drive time: 10 minutes]

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5:55 pm THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive International Convention Center

Greeters: Ambassador Le Bang
(curbside)

(inside) Lt. Col. Frank Miller
Mr. Hong, President, Vietnam Union of Friendship
Organizations
TBD, President, People's Aid Coordination Commission

6:00 pm-
6:30 pm

TOUR
ROOM A1
International Convention Center
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
Interpretation: Whisper
POOL PRESS

[6:00 am-
6:30 am
EST]

- The President and the First Lady tour exhibits.
- The President and the First Lady tour Catholic Relief Services art exhibit and visit with four young artists.
- The President proceeds to the podium and the First Lady proceeds to her seat in the first row.

Participants
THE PRESIDENT The First Lady

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6:35 pm-
7:05 pm
[6:35 am-
7:05 am
EST]

REMARKS AT DEMINING EVENT
ROOM A1
International Convention Center
Remarks: Tom Malinowski
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
Interpretation: Consecutive
OPEN PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 150 guests in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President** and the First Lady, accompanied by Ambassador Pete Peterson, Senator John Kerry and Mr. Hong.
- Ambassador Pete Peterson makes brief welcoming remarks and introduces Senator John Kerry.
- Senator John Kerry makes brief remarks and **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- Mr. Hong, Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations, makes brief remarks.
- **The President** and the First Lady depart.

U.S. Participants	
The President	
The First Lady	
CVC (T)	
Ambassador Peterson	Randy Berdsworth
Secretary Norman Mineta	Terry Dozier
Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky	Andrew Samet
John Podesta	Mary Lou Keener
Senator John Kerry	Robert Jones
Representative Jim Ramstad	George Duggins
Representative Loretta Sanchez	James Kimsey
Representative Vic Synder	Ngoan Le
Representative Mike Thompson	Father William Headley
Representative Earl Blumenauer	Mel Cooke
Acting-Secretary Hershel Gober	Ambassador Derek Shearer
Samuel Berger	Susan Hammond
Gene Sperling	John McAuliff
Mary Beth Cahill	Canh Viet Le
Karen Tramontano	Khoa Xuan Le
Melanne Verveer	Ngan Nguyen
Ambassador Mary Mel French	Quyhn-Hoa Tran
Stanley Roth	Thu-An Do
Jack Pritchard	Seth Amgott

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7:10 pm THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart International Convention Center via motorcade en route Ambassador's Residence
[drive time: 10 minutes]

7:20 pm THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Ambassador's Residence

Greeters: Ambassador Pete Peterson
Vi Peterson

7:25 pm- DELEGATION RECEPTION
8:25 pm LIVING ROOM
Ambassador's Residence

[7:25 am- Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
8:25 am Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
EST] CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 70 guests in attendance.

— The President and the First Lady mix and mingle with guests and depart.

Participants	
THE PRESIDENT	
The First Lady	
Ambassador Pete Peterson	George Duggins
Vi Peterson	James Kimsey
Secretary Norm Mineta	Ngoan Le
Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky	Father William Headley
John Podesta	Mel Cooke
Acting Secretary Hershel Gober	Dan Evert
Samuel Berger	David Evert
Gene Sperling	Robert Wallace
Senator John Kerry	James Goldsmith
Representative Loretta Sanchez	Eugene Benavides
Representative Vic Snyder	Dr. Vinh Cam
Representative Mike Thompson	Ho Lien-Do
Representative Earl Blumenauer	Canh Viet Le
Mary Beth Cahill	Khoa Xuan Le
Karen Trumontano	Grace Nguyen
Melanne Verveer	Richard Nguyen
Ambassador Mary Mel French	Thuan Nguyen
Stanley Roth	Christopher Cole O'Hearn
Jack Pritchard	Dominic Pham
Terry Dozier	Hoang Huy Phung
Mary Lou Keener	Dennis Reker
Robert Jones	Diem Huyen Luu Tran
Andrew Samet	Chui Tsang

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8:30 pm THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Ambassador's Residence via motorcade en route Noi Bai Airport
[drive time: 30 minutes]

9:00 pm THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Noi Bai Airport

Greeters: Brigadier General Harry B. Axson
Lt. Colonel Rennie Cory
Mr. Nhu, Deputy Director, Vietnamese Office of Seeking Missing Persons

9:05 pm- REPATRIATION CEREMONY
9:35 pm TARMAC
(VST) Noi Bai Airport
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
[9:05 am- Interpretation: None
9:35 am OPEN PRESS
EST]

Note: There will be approximately 75 guests in attendance.

- The President, accompanied by Ambassador Pete Peterson, proceeds to the Remains Review Table to be briefed on each set of remains.
- Upon conclusion of the briefing, the President and Ambassador Pete Peterson stand behind Mr. Nhu and Colonel Rennie Cory and the remains are officially signed-over by the Vietnamese to the United States.
- The President and Ambassador Pete Peterson proceed to the delegation area.
- The remains will be placed into caskets and ceremoniously loaded onto the C-17.
- Following the ceremony, the President and the First Lady proceed to Air Force One.

U.S. Participants	
The President	
The First Lady	
CVC (T)	
Ambassador Pete Peterson	Mary Lou Keener
Secretary Norm Mineta	Robert Jones, DOD
Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky	George Duggins
John Podesta	Ngoan Le
Senator John Kerry	James Kimsey
Representative Loretta Sanchez	Father William Headley
Representative Vic Synder	Mel Cooke
Representative Mike Thompson	Dan Evert
Representative Earl Blumenauer	David Evert
Acting Secretary Hershel Gober	James Goldsmith
Samuel Berger	Robert Wallace
Jack Pritchard	

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9:50	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Noi Bai Airport via Air Force One en route Tansonnhat International Airport, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam [9:50 am EST] [flight time: 1 hour, 55 minutes]
11:45	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Tansonnhat International Airport [11:45 am EST]
		Greeters: Consul General Charles Ray Eric John, Deputy Principal Officer Vo Viet Thanh, Chairman, Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee Nguyen Dinh Bin, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Vu Hac Bong, Director, Ho Chi Minh City Foreign Affairs Office Le Quoc Hung, Vice Director, Ho Chi Minh City Foreign Affairs Office
12:00	am	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Tansonnhat International Airport via motorcade en route New World Hotel [drive time: 15 minutes]
12:15	am	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive New World Hotel
BC / HRC RON		NEW WORLD HOTEL HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2000

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HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Partly cloudy. High, 88 degrees. Low, 74 degrees.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Cloudy. High, 35 degrees. Low, 23 degrees.

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DOWN UNTIL 10:00 A.M.

10:00	am-	BRIEFING
10:15	am	BRIEFING SUITE 1408 New World Hotel Staff Contact: John Podesta, Samuel Berger
10:15	am	THE PRESIDENT departs New World Hotel via motorcade en route Ho Chi Minh City Fine Arts Museum [drive time: 5 minutes]
10:20	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Ho Chi Minh City Fine Arts Museum
10:30	am-	NEXT GENERATION LEADERS ROUNDTABLE
11:30	pm	COURTYARD
	(VST)	Ho Chi Minh City Fine Arts Museum Remarks: Tom Malinowski Staff Contact: Samuel Berger Event Coordinator: Heather Davis Interpretation: None
	[10:30 pm- 11:30 pm 11/18/2000 EST]	STILLS/PRINT REPORTER ONLY (AT THE TOP)

Note: There will be approximately 6 guests in attendance.

-- The President participates in an informal discussion with participants.

-- Upon conclusion of the discussion, the President departs.

Participants	
THE PRESIDENT	
CVC (T)	Viewing Area:
Nguyen Ngoc Hanh	Ambassador Pete
Hoang This Mai	Peterson
Huong	John Podesta
Nguyen Quoc	Samuel Berger
Khanh	Gene Sperling
Vu Ngan	Karen Tramontano
Nguyen Gnoc Tho	NSC Notetaker
Tran Truong Son	

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11:35	am	THE PRESIDENT departs Ho Chi Minh City Fine Arts Museum via motorcade en route Location TBD [drive time: tbd minutes]
11:40	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Location TBD
11:45	am-	DOWN TIME / OTR LUNCH
12:45	pm	LOCATION TBD
12:50	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Location TBD via motorcade en route Vietnam International Container Terminals [drive time: tbd minutes]
1:05	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Vietnam International Container Terminals Greeters: Grieg Craft, Asia Injury Prevention Foundation Do Tu Anh, Asia Injury Prevention Foundation
1:10	pm-	SAFE VIETNAM PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
1:20	pm	TENT Vietnam International Container Terminal Staff Contact: Samuel Berger Event Coordinator: Heather Davis POOL PRESS

- Grieg Craft introduces Asian Injury Prevention Foundation sponsors to the President.
- The President presents seven students with their helmets.
- The President, accompanied by Ambassador Pete Peterson, Grieg Craft, Mort Giershing and Do Tu Anh, proceed to the adjacent tent.
- The children sign "This Earth Belongs to We, Children".
- Upon conclusion of the song, the President signs a banner and proceeds to dock.

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1:25 pm THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Dock

Greeters: Flemming Jacobs, CEO, NOL Group
Daniel McHugh, President, APL Aisa/Middle East
Nguyen Chi Le, Chairman, VICT
Toshimitsu Ilosoya, CEO, Mitsui
Joesph Kwok, CEO, NOL Group
Le Thi Hai Liew, Director, Duc Thanh Company

1:30 pm- REMARKS TO THE VIETNAMESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY
2:30 pm DOCK

Vietnam International Container Terminals

[1:30 am- Remarks: John Gibson

2:30 am Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

11/19/2000 Event Coordinator: Heather Davis

EST] Interpretation: Simultaneous

OPEN PRESS

Note: Business Attire

Note: There will be approximately 1,800 guests in attendance.

-- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Secretary Norm Mineta, Flemming Jacobs and Le Thi Hai Lieu.

-- Flemming Jacobs, President, NOL, makes brief remarks and introduces Secretary Norm Mineta.

-- Secretary Norm Mineta makes brief remarks and introduces Le Thi Hai Lieu.

-- Le Thi Hai Lieu, Duc Thanh Company, makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.

-- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

Participants
THE PRESIDENT
Ambassador Pete Peterson
Secretary Norm Mineta
U.S. Official Delegation

2:35 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Vietnam International Container Terminals via motorcade en route Carvelle Hotel
[drive time: tbd minutes]

2:50 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Carvelle Hotel

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3:00	pm-	BRIEFING
3:30	pm	EXECUTIVE LOUNGE Carvelle Hotel Staff Contact: Jake Siewert, Samuel Berger
3:30	pm-	INTERVIEW WITH JOHN KING OF <i>CNN</i>
4:30	pm	ROOFTOP Carvelle Hotel Staff Contact: Jake Siewert, Samuel Berger Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
	[3:30 am- 4:30 am EST]	
4:35	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Carvelle Hotel via motorcade en route City Hall [drive time: 10 minutes]
4:45	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives City Hall Greeters: Chairman Vo Viet Thanh, Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee
4:50	pm-	COURTESY CALL WITH HO CHI MINH CITY PEOPLE'S
4:55	pm	COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN VO VIET THANH ROOM 124 City Hall Staff Contact: Samuel Berger Event Coordinator: Heather Davis Interpretation: Whisper OFFICIAL PHOTO ONLY
		-- The President sits briefly and proceeds to foyer.

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5:00 pm- DROP-BY BUSINESS RECEPTION
5:30 pm FOYER
City Hall
[5:00 am- Remarks: John Gibson
5:30 am Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
EST] Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
Interpretation: Consecutive
POOL PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 300 guests in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Chairman Vo Viet Thanh.
- Chairman Vo Viet Thanh, Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee, makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

Participants
THE PRESIDENT Ambassador Pete Peterson U.S. Delegation

5:35 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs City Hall via motorcade en route New World Hotel
[drive time: 10 minutes]

5:45 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives New World Hotel

Greeters: Frank Liepmann, General Manager, New World Hotel
Tuan Tran, Director of Sales, New World Hotel
Le Minh Hoa, Guest Services Supervisor, New World Hotel

5:45 pm- DOWN TIME
6:00 pm PRESIDENTIAL SUITE
New World Hotel

6:05 pm- MEETING
6:15 pm SUITE 1408
New World Hotel
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill
Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
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6:20 pm- MEET AND GREET WITH CONSULATE STAFF
6:50 pm ROOM TBD
New World Hotel
[6:20 am- Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
6:50 am Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
EST] Interpretation: None
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 150 guests in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President** and the First Lady, accompanied by Ambassador Pete Peterson, Counsul General Charles Ray and Member of Congress TBD.
- Ambassador Pete Peterson makes brief remarks and introduces Member of Congress TBD.
- Member of Congress TBD makes brief remarks and introduces the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

Participants
THE PRESIDENT
The First Lady
Ambassador Pete Peterson
Consul General Charles Ray
Member of Congress TBD
U.S. Official Delegation

6:55 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs New World Hotel via motorcade en route Tansonnhat International Airport
[drive time: 30 minutes]

7:25 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Tansonnhat International Airport

7:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart Tansonnhat International
(VST) Airport via motorcade en route Elmendorf Air Force Base
[flight time: 10 hours, 50 minutes]
[7:40 am [time change: -16 hours]
EST]

TBD pm- CALL-IN INTERVIEW WITH RADIO FREE ASIA
TBD pm ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE
Staff Contact: Jake Siewert

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2:30	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Elmendorf Air Force Base
2:30	pm-	REFUEL
4:30	pm	TARMAC
		Elmendorf Air Force Base
4:30	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Elmendorf Air Force Base via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 6 hours, 25 minutes] [time change: +4 hours]
BC/HRC RON		ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

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Monday, November 20, 2000

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FOR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2000

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*Mostly cloudy with morning snow flurries. Winds
southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots. Low 32°F.
High 44°F.*

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Monday, November 20, 2000

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2000
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2:55	am (EST)	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Andrews Air Force Base
3:10	am	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route The White House [flight time: 10 minutes]
3:20	am	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive The White House

DAY AND EVENING OFF

BC / HRC RON	THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C.
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October 4, 2000

PAT YOUNG:

Attached are some items that were forwarded to the President. We have never received the original back from the POTUS.

Yours to handle.

Debbie Bird
Staff Secretary's Office

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 3, 2000

MR. PRESIDENT:

Legislative Affairs asked that we forward the attached letter to you tonight; they advise that Levin may raise these issues with you at tomorrow's event aboard the U.S.S. Hue City.

Counsel's Office has received copies of this and the Levin/Feingold letter; they are reviewing to determine appropriate response.

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TO DOW
FOR POTUS;
cc: Karen T.
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CARL LEVIN
MICHIGAN

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 30, 2000

'00 JUL 3 PM3:49

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have joined in signing a letter with Senator Russ Feingold and other members of the Senate in which we urge you to suspend all federal executions and to create a national commission to review the fairness and accuracy of the administration of the federal death penalty. In addition to the issues raised in that letter, I wanted to add another compelling issue that I would like you to take into consideration in determining whether or not you will take such action.

I am gravely concerned about the effects of the habeas corpus changes that were made in the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (Act). This Act, which affects both state and federal prisoners, restricts review in federal courts by establishing tighter filing deadlines, limiting the opportunity for evidentiary hearings, and ordinarily allowing only a single habeas corpus filing in federal court. What this Act does is to withdraw procedures, after one has been convicted, for deciding the legality and the accuracy and the reliability of those convictions. This quicker, more limited federal review, makes it more probable that we will execute the innocent, if we have not already done so.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin

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AEN (Beth)
Maria Edr.



FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION,
FEDERALISM, AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

U. S. SENATOR RUSSELL FEINGOLD

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Total Pages (including this cover page): 4

MESSAGE:

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 30, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to suspend all federal executions to allow time for the creation of a national commission to review the fairness and accuracy of the administration of the federal death penalty. This would allow us to better ensure that innocent individuals are not being put to death as a result of the administration of the federal death penalty.

We understand that the Department of Justice has undertaken a review of the racial disparities in the prosecution, conviction and sentencing of those who commit crimes eligible for the federal death penalty. That study has not yet been completed. A recent article in *The New York Times* ("Charges of Bias Challenge U.S. Death Penalty," June 24, 2000), however, discusses the kind of data this study is expected to reveal:

- Since the significant expansion of the federal death penalty in 1994, federal prosecutors in a dozen Southern states have accounted for more than half the federal cases in which the death penalty was sought.
- Between 1994 and 1999, one-third of the U.S. Attorney's offices did not file a single capital prosecution request.
- More than three-quarters of the federal prosecutions where the death penalty was sought have been against African Americans, Hispanic Americans or other minorities.

We find it difficult to believe that crimes eligible for the federal death penalty were committed predominantly in Southern states. And we find it equally difficult to believe that crimes eligible for the federal death penalty were not committed in every state, if not almost every state, since 1994.

In addition to the data contained in the Justice Department report, we also know that

between 1988 and 1993, nearly 90% of the defendants against whom the federal government sought the death penalty under the Drug Kingpin statute were African American or Hispanic American.

The result of this apparently racially biased system of prosecution, conviction and sentencing is disturbing. We now have a high proportion of minorities on federal death row. Fifteen of the 19 federal death row inmates facing execution are African American, Hispanic American or members of other minority groups. In fact, the proportion of African Americans on federal death row is greater than in all states with the death penalty, with the exception of only five states – Arkansas, Maryland, Louisiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania. And on military death row, six of the seven inmates are members of minority groups.

Since Governor George Ryan announced his intention in January to suspend executions in Illinois until a state panel can examine whether Illinois is administering the death penalty fairly and justly, the nation has begun a re-evaluation of the system by which we impose the sentence of death. Real questions are being raised about whether innocent people are being condemned to die. Americans are becoming increasingly concerned that the death penalty is visited disproportionately on the poor and minorities.

As you know, the first federal execution since the reinstatement of the modern death penalty – and in fact the first federal execution since 1963 – could take place soon. A federal judge has set August 5, 2000 as the execution date for Juan Raul Garza.

The judge in that case set a date notwithstanding the fact that guidelines for the submission and consideration of a clemency petition have not been implemented by the Department of Justice. All aspects of the capital decision-making process, from authorization through clemency, require a heightened level of reliability. Indeed, the Supreme Court has said that the death penalty is qualitatively different from other punishments and subject to additional procedural requirements, and has declared the death penalty constitutional only when the process by which it is imposed is not an arbitrary one.

Mr. President, in light of the serious questions we expect to be raised by the study of racial disparities in the administration of the federal death penalty and the fact that procedures for the submission and consideration of clemency petitions have not yet been enacted, we respectfully urge you to suspend federal executions and undertake a thorough review of the administration of the federal death penalty. Before the federal government executes anyone, the federal government should be absolutely certain that the system by which it imposes the ultimate punishment is administered fairly and justly. It must ensure that the federal death penalty is applied in a fair and just manner, sought against

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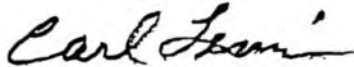
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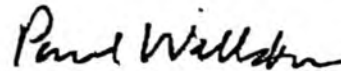
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Counsel's Office has received copies of this and the Levin/Feingold letter; they are reviewing to determine appropriate response.

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7/26/00
Taken to Oval
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to Betty & Nancy)

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BACKGROUND:

- The Social Security Taxation bill repeals the 1993 income tax provision that provides for the following: for more affluent beneficiaries, more than 50 percent of Social Security benefits and up to 85 percent are counted as income. (This is called "Tier II" taxation. 1983 law created "Tier I," which includes up to 50 percent of Social Security benefits, subject to lower income thresholds than for Tier II.) The "Tier II" income threshold for couples at which more than 50 percent of Social Security begins to be included is \$44,000 excluding one – half of Social Security. (The threshold amount for singles is \$34,000 plus one – half of Social Security.) The "Tier I" income threshold for couples at which some Social Security begins to be included is \$32,000 excluding one – half of Social Security. (The threshold amount for singles is \$25,000 plus one – half of Social Security.)

- Repeal of the 1993 provision would help only the more affluent 20 percent of Social Security beneficiaries, and it reduces revenues by \$117 billion over ten years.

TALKING POINTS:

- This bill is part of an overall strategy that the Republicans have to divide Democrats by picking Democratic Members off on different, attractive individual tax bills.

- This is a change in strategy only. They lost the political argument last year as we were able to characterize that bill as risky fiscal policy.

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- We're for tax cuts and you should vote for the Democratic alternative on the Social Security bill but we need to maintain a veto proof margin on final passage.

- If we don't have that, the Republicans will keep moving individual bills and try to keep peeling off Democratic votes.

- I can only make the argument that the Republicans are wrong if I've got Democratic support. I won't have any leverage in the October end game, if Democrats are divided.

- We need to stick together on this vote.

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS TO CALL ON SOCIAL SECURITY TAX BILL:

Rep. Nita Lowey (NY)	225-6506
Rep. Mike McNulty (NY)	225-5076
Rep. John Baldacci (ME)	225-6306
Rep. Albert Wynn (MD)	225-8699
Rep. Rod Blagojevich (IL)	225-4061
Rep. Rob Andrews (NJ)	225-6501
Rep. Darlene Hooley (OR)	225-5711

September 29, 2000

PAT YOUNG:

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Yours to handle.

Debbie Bird
Staff Secretary's Office

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 16, 2000

NOTE TO KAREN TRAMONTANO

FROM: Chris Jennings
RE: ARKids First
cc: Bruce Reed

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August 25, 2000

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Adam Rosman

JOINT DECLARATION

by

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

and

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

On the historic occasion of the State Visit to the Federal Republic of Nigeria by President William Jefferson Clinton of the United States of America, the Presidents of the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Nigeria affirm the friendship and close bonds between the governments and peoples of their two countries. Both Presidents welcome the re-integration of Nigeria and its people into the global community. This State Visit heralds the great accomplishments by Nigeria in restoring political, economic, and social freedoms and the observance of human rights and democracy. This State Visit and the constructive engagement which has developed between the two states demonstrates the recognition by the United States that Nigeria, and indeed Africa, are valued as partners and actors in the world community, and that their roles must be further deepened and strengthened.

For his part, President Obasanjo expresses his deepest appreciation of President Clinton for his leadership and efforts to address the challenges facing a democratic Nigeria. President Obasanjo applauds President Clinton's initiatives aimed at strengthening democracy, stability, economic growth, and development in Africa.

Both Presidents agree to the following principles:

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- b) **"Democracy Dividend":** Both Presidents affirm that democracy is a dynamic process and note that, after two centuries, democracy is still evolving, even in the United States. President Clinton praises the patience with which Nigerians have begun the long process of building credible, viable, and strong democratic institutions. He notes that important benefits of the democratic process are within sight, although they may take some time to bear full fruit.
- c) **International Debt:** Nigeria faces tremendous economic and financial challenges. The alleviation of Nigeria's external debt burden can facilitate its efforts to undertake economic reforms that will reduce

poverty and spur economic growth. In that context, President Clinton reaffirms that the United States supports a generous Paris Club rescheduling for this year. Beyond this year, the United States would support positive consideration by the international financial community of debt reduction for Nigeria in a multilateral context, provided Nigeria makes meaningful progress on economic and financial reforms that can promote poverty alleviation and spur economic growth.

- d) **Regional Security Issues:** Regional instability -- resulting in part from the situation in Liberia, the civil war in Sierra Leone, and the coup in Cote d'Ivoire and its deeply flawed transition back to democracy -- are among the primary challenges to security in the region. President Clinton commends Nigeria for promoting democracy and political stability, for leading peacekeeping operations, and providing other support, both within the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and within the United Nations framework. President Clinton also acknowledges the sacrifices made by the Nigerian people in the pursuit of regional peace and reaffirms the intention of the United States Government to support regional peacekeeping and conflict resolution efforts in West Africa. The two Presidents commend the government and people of Senegal for a peaceful, and indeed exemplary, election and transfer of power. Both Presidents welcome Niger's transition to an elected civilian government.
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- f) **United Nations:** Both Presidents express their support for the role of the United Nations, especially in the areas of collective security, peacekeeping, and development activities. They further express their support for reform of the United Nations, as well as revision of the United Nations scale of assessments and undertake to work together toward these goals.
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Presidents agree to cooperate on new measures designed to help reduce illegal drug trafficking and international criminal activity, and agree that international narco-trafficking is a crime which diminishes the welfare of both countries, and that drug cartels and dealers must face the reality that there will be no safehaven for them in Nigeria.

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- j) **Health Issues:** Both Presidents agree that the fight against infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, polio, and malaria, is of critical importance to the welfare and development of Nigeria, and of Africa as a whole. President Clinton welcomes Nigeria's leadership on this issue and offers additional assistance in fighting these diseases. President Obasanjo announces that Nigeria will host in 2001 a major HIV/AIDS Summit, similar to the April 2000 conference on Rolling Back Malaria, held in Abuja.
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- l) **Education:** Both Presidents underscore the importance of education in the creation of viable democracies and prosperous societies. President Obasanjo praises the hospitality of the United States, which has welcomed so many Nigerians into its educational institutions, and expresses his hope that both countries will work together to build a modern and effective education system accessible to all Nigerians. President Clinton announces that the United States will provide assistance to Nigeria's education sector in the following: to improving civic education; developing entrepreneurial capabilities; building teacher skills; creating links between Nigerian and American universities; and expanding the Fulbright scholarship program. President Clinton will work with Congress to provide additional assistance toward creating community-based resource centers to improve computer literacy and internet connectivity, and toward enhancing girls' education.
- m) **The Environment:** Both Presidents commit to working together to protect Nigeria's rich environmental heritage and improve environmental conditions, which will substantially improve the quality of life for all Nigerians. The two leaders also agree to enhance our cooperation on clean energy development and global climate change.

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William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
of America

Olusegun Obasanjo
President of the Federal Republic
of Nigeria

Abuja, August 26, 2000

12/19/00

PAT YOUNG/RECORDS MANAGEMENT:

Attached are some items that were sent to the President on the road during a POTUS trip. We have never received back the copy the POTUS actually saw.

Yours to handle.

Debbie Bird
Staff Secretary's office